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Applicant(s): GEORGE S. PANTON, JR.				
Invention: Thermoplastic Spine Board with Ergonomic Features				
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2004; please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.